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In re application of: JEAN WOLOSZKO et al.

Examiner: L. Cohen

Application No.: 09/679,394

Art Unit: 3739

Filed: October 3, 2000

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Title: APPARATUS FOR TREATMENT OF  
SPINAL DISORDERS

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Sir:

Re. Office Action (FINAL) mailed October 7, 2004, reply due Jan 7, 2005

In reply to Office Action mailed October 7, 2003, please amend this Application as follows:

In the CLAIMS: please enter the amendments starting on page 2 herein.

REMARKS: please see page 11 herein.

Applicant hereby petitions for two months extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to file a reply by March 7, 2005. Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0359 for the extension. If another fee, or a credit, is due on this Application, please charge or credit this account. This reply is thus timely filed.

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This amendment is being submitted prior to payment of the issue fee and is merely formal in nature. No substantial additional work is required on the part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment.

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Sir:

This is in reply to the Office Action mailed July 21, 2005 that set a one month period for a response. As August 21, 2005 was a Sunday, this reply filed on Monday, August 22, 2005 is timely.

In view of the amendments to page 1 of the specification set forth herein, the claims starting at page 4 herein, and the remarks at page 11 herein, reconsideration and allowance of the Application is respectfully requested.